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For: DESIGN OF BEOL PATTERNS TO REDUCE THE STRESSES ON STRUCTURES BELOW CHIP BONDPADS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2005, setting a three-month statutory period for response. Therefore, this amendment is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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and drawings are being made for consistency purposes only. In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

II. Formal Matters and Conclusion

The specifications, abstract, drawings, and claims have been amended to make them consistent with each other. A Replacement Sheet for Figure 13 is submitted herewith. With respect to the rejections to the claims, the claims have been amended, above, to overcome the rejections. In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections to the claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1-22, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary. Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 09-0456.

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Respectfully submitted,



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